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there. Senator Bourne, it must have been very frustrating for you, especially if you asked for that input, but there's no requirement. Many of us are grateful when people take the time to enlighten us. There's been all kinds of talk about this \$250 number. You know, frankly, I don't care. If it was \$50 per officer extrapolated across the state, that's too much. I don't know what the cost of a tape recorder is. I don't sell them. Maybe \$250 is too high; maybe it's not. I don't know. But \$50 a pop is too much for me, to spread that across every law enforcement officer in the state. They going to have sound booths that we do this in? I mean, how...this amendment, the bottom line, is very difficult for law enforcement across the state to handle. It's unclear. I think that's why you've heard everybody, despite which side of the process argument they're on, talking about the fact that we should vote red. It's because this amendment is poor. But it's time for us to consider that citizens can get involved at any stage in the process and so can groups. I'm not offended in the slightest. I don't want to set up a system here where, if citizens don't stop by to kiss our ring at the committee process, they don't have an opportunity to talk to make their voice heard here when a bill is on the floor. As far as I'm concerned, they can get involved at any stage of the process. I welcome it. They could send me letters in the committee. They can send me letters when the bills are on the floor. I just want the information. I want it however I can get it at whatever point I can get it, and I appreciate the fact that I got it this morning. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Mr. Clerk, amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend the committee amendment. (FA826, Legislative Journal page 376.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I want to bring some political reality to this discussion. My amendment says that this provision of the committee amendments will take effect June 1st of the year 2003. Why would I do that? It would force these county attorneys to come forward in